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1. The Soviets are increasing their strength in various posts in Tadzhik SSR. Their troop strength at Kyzyl Khat (75-45, 37-15) has risen to 4,000. The armament of these troops, who are supplied by air drops, includes Bren guns.
2. Ibrahim Jou Jung* is the Chief of police in Kashgar.
3. On 4 December 1950, 15,000 Communist troops left for Tibet.** Their equipment included Bren guns and rifles. In Kashgar and Yarkand the Communists have been endeavoring, with small success, to enlist local Muslims to be trained for occupation duty in Tibet. The Communists are, nevertheless, making arrangements to send large numbers of troops into Tibet when the mountain passes re-open.
4. Three hundred additional Chinese Communist troops* arrived in Piuli on 20 December 1951, bringing the total there to 450 soldiers. There are also 85 soldiers at the Tagant post; 45 at Mintaka; and 20 at Marchana,** a new post between Mintaka and Paik.
5. Owing to heavy snows, construction on the road between Kyzyl Khat and Piuli via Shingun Gullah has been temporarily suspended.

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The report does not make clear from where these troops were sent. It is also unclear whether the source is reporting this himself as a fact or as a statement made by Ibrahim Jao Jung (paragraph 2) during a very pro-Soviet speech in Kashgar on 1 December 1950.

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